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About Wesleyan's Debt

Dear Alumna:

We are all very happy that the Trustees' Committee and the Bondholders' Committee have come to an agreement. This agreement assures the continuance of Wesleyan at Rivoli. The final result will be to put us in better position than we have been in for a number of years. In the fall we shall put on a campaign for funds with which to carry out the plans of our committee to a successful completion. It will be wonderful, will it not, to have Wesleyan free of debt?

In the meantime we want your most energetic and enthusiastic help in securing students for the fall. We had a substantial increase last year and the year before and, but for the publicity we received, would have had a further substantial increase this fall. We must bring up the enrollment anyhow, despite all the publicity and handicaps which have worried us.

Now, no one can help us as effectively as our Wesleyan girls in their own communities. Can we all not make an extraordinary effort this summer, beginning right now to see that every possible prospect is turned to Wesleyan? We will do anything we possibly can from the college, both independently and in support of the good work which you will be doing in your communities. Wesleyan is counting on you at this time and needs your most earnest and active support.

Thanking you for your loyalty and cooperation and with cordial regards, I am

Yours for Wesleyan,

DICE R. ANDERSON

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Continuance of Wesleyan Assured

(Editorial from the Macon Telegraph June 13, 1937)

When final documents have been signed settling the \$1,000,000 bonded debt of Wesleyan College, an unpleasant chapter in the institution's history, will close. But the college will be in the best position since it first began to encounter financial difficulties soon after 1929.

There can be no argument that every bondholder deserved to get back his money and interest. But so did every depositor in every bank, along with creditors of every institution that failed during the depression. When it becomes impossible to recover fully on a defaulting investment, when there is no possibility of managing the investment to materially increase financial returns, the only thing left is to liquidate and save whatever can be saved.

That, in effect, is what happened to the Wesleyan bonds.

The bonds were issued to erect the college plant at Rivoli at a time when money flowed freely and there was no reason to suppose the bonds could not be met with subscriptions and profits. The depression changed the picture entirely. The college trustees personally paid interest on the bonds several times, but this was a stop-gap measure. A subscription campaign failed.

The college faced foreclosure but bondholders likewise faced the unprofitable prospect of trying to get their money out of a foreclosed, closed college.

After many conferences, the bondholders' committee and a committee representing the college trustees reached an agreement to set-

tle the bonds, once for all, on a cash basis at the rate of 35 cents on each bond dollar. The funds necessary were guaranteed by the college committee.

Their gesture was a splendid and generous one, as was also that of Mrs. W. D. Anderson, who as an alumna of Wesleyan stated she felt too deeply about the matter to overlook an opportunity for her to serve in the crisis, and asked the privilege of signing the papers with the Wesleyan committee, making herself liable for the \$350,000 or any portion thereof that might be required in the final payment.

Under the rules of the Federal Securities Commission 30 days must elapse before the agreement can be finally concluded, to allow any objecting bondholder to be heard. As the committee representing the bondholders has 850 of the 1,000 bonds already deposited with it, and with authority to act, and as a majority of the bonds is controlling, it is not thought possible that there will be any delay in the closing of the matter.

As an alternative plan, however, it is provided in the agreement of settlement that if any obstacle should arise, then the Wesleyan committee will buy in the property of the college for the \$350,000, settle with the bondholders, and see to it that the college continues to operate.

Thus it is assured in two ways that Wesleyan's difficulties have been met, and that the grand old college will continue to serve Georgia and the South with greater scope and more effectively than ever before.

New Officers of the Alumnae Association



ANNABEL HORN,
New President of the Alumnae Association

At the national meeting of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association held in the Wesleyan Conservatory chapel May 29, new officers of the association were elected for a period of three years as follows:

President

Annabel Horn of the class of 1906, head of the Latin department of Girls' High School, Atlanta; former Wesleyan alumnae trustee; author of a Latin text-book which is a "best-seller"; holder of the M.A. degree from the University of Chicago, is to be president of the national Wesleyan Alumnae Association, succeeding Annie (Bates) Haden.

In her acceptance of the responsibility at the May meeting, Annabel Horn paid tribute to the untiring, efficient service of Mrs. Haden during the three years of her presidency, pointing to the Centennial celebration of last year as the high spot of her administration, as well as of Wesleyan's entire history.

First Vice-President

The new first vice-president, whose duty is to have charge of alumnae classes and class reunions, is Alleen (Poer) Hinton of Macon,

who succeeds Martha Cooper of Perry. Mrs. Hinton was General Chairman of the Wesleyan Centennial, and as such will be remembered in Wesleyan circles always, no matter what other excellent service she may render.

Second Vice-President

Second vice-president, in charge of Wesleyan Alumnae clubs, is Margaret (Zattau) Roan of Atlanta, who succeeds Kathleen (Holder) Griffin of Atlanta. Mrs. Roan completed this year a two-year term as president of the Atlanta Wesleyan Club, whose excellent work for the college has served as a model to other clubs. Mrs. Roan is the youngest woman to hold a national office in the League of Women Voters.

Third Vice-President

Third vice-president, in charge of historical material, is Ida Shellnut of Sandersville, succeeding Edith (Stetson) Coleman of Macon. A member of the class of 1920, Ida Shellnut has served on alumnae committees during the Centennial year, and is president of the Sandersville Wesleyan club.

Fourth Vice-President

Fourth vice-president, responsible for fostering relations between the college and the high schools, and for drawing up rules for the Historical Essay Contest is Etta (Steed) Rumph of Marshallville, who succeeds Helen (Owen) Forrester of Columbus. She is an active member of the very active Marshallville Club, and is a member of the class of '23, and teaches in the Montezuma high school.

Chairman of Finance Committee

Chairman of the standing committee on Alumnae Finances is Octavia (Burden) Stewart, of Macon, who succeeds Carolyn (Cater) Jones of Macon. Mrs. Stewart has served for several years as chairman of the campus committee at Wesleyan, and together with her husband, T. J. Stewart, trustee, has done wonders with the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, and ivy on the new campus. She is the granddaughter of the beloved Dr. W. C. Bass, former president of Wesleyan, and the daughter of Minnie (Bass) Burden of the class of 1876.

Of Alumnae Doings At Commencement

Commencement really began with Saturday morning, when the alumnae gathered in the old chapel at the Conservatory and honored Mrs. Florrie C. White, retiring after 32 years as matron of the Wesleyan Infirmary.

Annie (Bates) Haden presided in her gracious way; Carolyn (Cater) Jones told of the alumnae gifts to the college (see page 4) Kathleen (Holder) Griffin reported on Wesleyan clubs and introduced club presidents. Ruby (Jones) Grace presided over the memorial service for alumnae who have died during the past year, assisted by Hazel (Hamilton) Rogers in song and Roy Domingos at the organ.

Honoring Mrs. White

Then, following business and the induction ceremony for seniors, Maybelle (Jones) Dewey rose to present to Mrs. White the dozen Wesleyan Commemorative plates, and the dozen cups and saucers, gifts of the alumnae. She did it in a characteristically humorous way which made us forget that Mrs. White is leaving us. Mrs. White's children, sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews who could be present were honor guests.

Every alumna who was in college during Mrs. White's years wore a badge which said: "Honoring Florrie Cook White, 1905-1937." Scores of mothers and daughters who had been Mrs. White's "girls" were present, and these were introduced by Willie (Ermingier) Mallery, whose daughter, Caroline, was one of the group, being in the graduating class this year.

Honoring Mrs. Burks

Acting for Winnifred (Rawlings) Gilmore of Sandersville, who could not be present, Gladys (Napier) Corbin announced the presentation to Wesleyan of two dozen Wesleyan Commemorative plates for use on special occasion at the college. These plates have the inscription on the back: "Given to Wesleyan College in Memory of Mrs. M. M. Burks by the Alumnae." The plan originated with Winifred (Rawlings) Gilmore, who gave a number of the plates and sponsored additions to the collection by other alumnae friends of Mrs. Burks.

The New Alumnae Trustee Speaks

The final number on the morning program was "Message from the Trustees" by Sara Branham, who came down from Washington, D. C. to attend her first meeting of the Board, and also to make the annual address to the Phi Delta Phi Honor Society at Wesleyan Friday afternoon.

Looking not at all like the learned person she is with her M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, she stood before the alumnae, a slight, youthful person in a most becoming hat and dress, and brought a message of encouragement from the Board in regard to Wesleyan's debt.

The Second Century

The key-note of the alumnae meetings at commencement was: **Courage**, and the statement most often repeated in various forms: "We **believe** in the future of Wesleyan!" A group of seniors under the direction of Rose Peagler gave a skit, "Wesleyan's Bi-Centennial."

The Washington Club Scholarship

During her address to the alumnae, Dr. Sara Branham announced the gift of a \$50.00 Scholarship to Wesleyan from the Washington, D. C. Club, of which Roline (Trimble) Boyle is president. The club has been meeting regularly throughout the year, and offers this scholarship "as a small token of love for Wesleyan from a group of her far-away alumnae."

The Luncheon

The most beautiful event of the Commencement season was the luncheon at the Dempsey Hotel, attended by over 300 alumnae. Here Dorothy (Blount) Lamar presided as toastmistress in her inimitable way. Annabel Horn, the incoming president of the Alumnae Association, expressed in an inspiring and beautiful way, the faith of the alumnae in their college. The Wesleyan Glee Club sang.

The program for this occasion was arranged by Annie (Bates) Haden, former president.

The Youngest Alumnae Class Springs

A Surprise



MARGARET EVANS,
President Class of '37

Looking very young and sweet in spite of their black academic gowns, the class of 1937 marched demurely into the chapel on the occasion of the Alumnae Meeting May 29th, for the annual "Induction Ceremony." Kneeling before a group of older alumnae, including Mattie (Bowman) Howard, '76; Aurie

(Smith) Davis, '76; Kitty (Jewett) Williams, '75; Margaret McEvoy, '80; Fannie (Gilmer) Dessau, '78; and Mattie (Pritchett) Cheatham, '77, they received a light for their candles, symbolizing the gift of alumnae loyalty from the graduates of other years.

Then, after marching out with great dignity, their president, Margaret Evans of Warrenton, Ga., (nicknamed "Pinkie" because of her curly red hair) ran back down the aisle and asked the president, Annie (Bates) Haden, for the floor.

With eagerness and a bit of justifiable pride, she announced 1937's gift to the college, a scholarship of \$56.00, to be given to some outstanding high school senior and to be known as "The Tri-K Scholarship." A committee of the class will award the scholarship at some time during the summer.

Wesleyan has graduated no finer, more loyal group of girls in all her history than this class. Throughout the trying depression years, and especially through the past spring when Wesleyan reached a financial crisis, they have stood staunchly by the college. The announcement of this scholarship for next year, coming as it did just before the final settlement of the debt, is proof of their faith in Wesleyan's future.

Class Captains, who will help to keep the college and the class in touch with one another in the years to come are: Edith Bates, Barbara Jones, Billie Wilkinson, Virginia Scott, Harriet Wright, Anne Griffin, Hazel Birch, and Clara Young.

The Alumnae Loyalty Fund

During the Centennial Year, the largest number of alumnae in the history of the Loyalty Fund contributed the largest amount ever received in one year: \$2,980.90 from 652 alumnae. Gifts ranged from \$1.00 to \$125.00. Twenty alumnae gave \$25.00 or more.

Thirteen alumnae gave \$50.00 or \$100.00 and special scholarships were named in honor of these alumnae:

The Pauline Logan Findlay Memorial Scholarship, given by Margaret McEvoy

The Marion Luce Chenery Scholarship

The Mary Thornton Lane Scholarship

The Edith Stetson Coleman Scholarship

The Willie Snow Ethridge Scholarship

The Linda McKinney Anderson Scholarship

The Dorothy Blount Lamar Scholarship
 The Susan Malone Persons Scholarship,
 given by Charles M. Persons, her son,
 and the class of 1875

The Lila May Chapman Scholarship
 The Minnie Drane Bullock Scholarship
 The Mamie Rowland Chance Scholarship
 The Elizabeth Sessions Hannah Scholarship

The Ruth Houser Garrett Scholarship.

More and more, through the years, alumnae of Wesleyan have realized that it is important to give to education, as to their churches, according to their ability.

In addition to the individual Loyalty Fund gifts, and \$430, from the Macon Club; \$300, from the Atlanta Club, \$582.95 was given in scholarships from other Wesleyan clubs in the Centennial year. Adding to the total, amounts received from interest on investments, Wesleyan Alumnae made the following contributions to the college last year:

\$2,500 for Centennial expense
 \$1,600 for Scholarships.

Twenty-seven girls were helped by Wesleyan Scholarships last year.

Although the Loyalty Fund report runs from October to October, and is therefore not complete for this year, 172 alumnae have contributed \$1,076.50 to date. The largest single gift this year is \$200.00, from Loralee (Watkins) Johnson, of the class of 1926. Wesleyan this year lost a life-time contributor in Carrie Tracy (Johnson) Duncan, whose Loyalty Fund check came each April as regularly as the month arrived.

Margaret McEvoy has signified her intention of continuing her annual contribution of \$100.00 for life. Marion (Luce) Chenery, Linda (McKinney) Anderson, and Mary (Thorn-ton) Lane have repeated their gifts of last year for 1937. Annie (Bates) Haden has contributed a \$50.00 scholarship for 1937; Willie (Snow) Ethridge one for \$100.00.

Sallie (Comer) Lathrop of Birmingham, Ala., class of 1891 has started a new idea in Alumnae gifts; she sent her check for \$46.00 this year, one dollar for each year since her graduation.

Scholarship Awards

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Although the number of girls receiving Wesleyan Alumnae Scholarship awards will not be final until fall, when their pictures will appear in the Alumnae magazine, six scholarships have recently been announced. All of these were given on a basis of excellence in scholarship and fine character.

The classes between 1920 and 1936 have combined in three groups to give three scholarships for next year, The Round Table Scholarships, The Tri-K Scholarship, and The Golden Heart Scholarship. Eighty-three "Class Fund Agents" in these classes wrote three letters apiece to classmates about this plan, and already three \$100 scholarships are available, with others growing rapidly. Committees of the classes decide on the recipients of the scholarships, from applications of high school seniors.

ROUND TABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Early in the fall the "Round Table Classes" of 1920, '22, '24, '26, '28, '30, '32, and '36 united to offer scholarships of \$100.00 each to outstanding high school seniors. A committee of the classes met to decide on the girls to receive these honor scholarships. Two of these were awarded in June; the classes expect to add to the fund during the summer.

Frances Jones of Bogota, N. J., received one of the Round Table Scholarships. She was in the upper ten in a high school class of 200, and she completed her four years' high school work in three years. Incidentally, she was as a little girl the mascot of the class of '26, one of the Round Table Classes. She is the daughter of Genevieve (Broome) Jones of the class of '23, and the niece of Christine Broome of the class of '16, a member of the Wesleyan faculty.

Paschal Jarrett of Macon, received the



Louise Scott



Shiela Forrest



Elizabeth Glass

THE MACON CLUB SCHOLARSHIP GIRLS

second Round Table Scholarship. She was a member of the honor group at Miller High School, completed her seven years of grammar school work in six years, and her five year high school course in four years. She was the youngest graduate of Miller High this year, was vice-president of her supervision, and made the highest score in the English commission test sponsored by the University System of Georgia. She took second place in the state-wide Historical Essay Contest this spring.

The Macon Club Scholarships To Macon High School Girls

For the past four years Macon Alumnae have been giving three or more scholarships to outstanding graduates of Miller High School, as follows: one full-tuition scholar-

ship, amounting to \$230.00 in cash, one \$100.00 or two \$50.00 scholarships to the college, and one \$100.00 scholarship to the conservatory. Fourteen girls have been helped by the Macon Club scholarships.

The three who received the first Macon Scholarships, Martha Ruth Livingston, Clara Young, and Caroline Mallary, graduated this year. Martha Ruth and Clara graduated with honor and were elected to membership in the Phi Delta Phi Honor Society. Caroline's solo dances in the beautiful Centennial pageants at Commencement and in October will long be remembered on the campus. The club can well be proud of these "charter members" of their scholarship group.

This year the full tuition scholarship went to **Shiela Forrest**, who completed her five year high school course in four years, with a remarkable scholarship record. She took part



Paschal Jarrett



SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Frances Jones



Betty Gardner

in the senior play, was active in Red Cross work, and is especially interested in mathematics.

A \$100.00 scholarship was given to **Louise Scott**, who, like Shiela Forrest, was a member of the honor group at Miller, was in the high school Glee Club, the senior play, the senior basketball team.

The \$100.00 scholarship to Wesleyan Conservatory went to **Elizabeth Glass**, daughter of Elizabeth (Hudson) Glass, A.B. '18. Elizabeth is talented in dramatic art and in voice, having studied the former at Wesleyan Conservatory under Marian (Elder) Jones. Conservatory scholarship girls heretofore have received the award for music; Elizabeth is the first to offer the combination of dramatic art and voice.

Luetta Smith Hasty Memorial

Scholarship in Latin

The class of 1928 is giving for 1937-38 a \$100.00 scholarship in memory of their classmate, Luetta (Smith) Hasty, magna cum laude graduate and Latin major. A committee of the class, under the chairmanship of Elizabeth (Jenkins) Steele, met at Commencement to decide on the winner of the scholarship, on a basis of general excellence in scholarship, and particularly in the field of Latin.

Betty Gardner of Jacksonville, Fla., who ranks seventh in a high school class of 295 students, was given the scholarship.

Every one of these scholarship students is outstanding, not only in her academic work, but also in campus activities.

Pauline Logan Findlay Memorial Scholarship

In memory of her friend, Pauline (Logan) Findlay, Margaret McEvoy of Macon will give \$100.00 each year of her life as a scholarship to a Macon girl. In accordance with her wish, this scholarship has been awarded to Margaret Adams for the four years of her college course. Margaret completed her freshman work this year with a record of nine A's and one B.

Historical Essay Contest Scholarship

The scholarship of full tuition and board is given by the college on a competitive basis, and is open to any high school senior in the state who is eligible for unconditional entrance to Wesleyan.

Frances Marion Wilson of Ft. Valley won this scholarship, which was announced on Dormitory Day this spring.



FRANCES WILSON,
Winner Historical Essay Contest



ELOISE AINSWORTH
In her high school graduation gown.



SARAH LOUISE TURNER
In the costume she wore in the Wesleyan Centennial Pageant.

Among The Students Registered For Next Year

Are the granddaughter and the great great granddaughter of two former Wesleyan presidents.

Sarah Louise Turner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Turner of Columbus, is a great great granddaughter of Bishop George Foster Pierce, first president of the first college for women.

Eloise Ainsworth is the granddaughter of

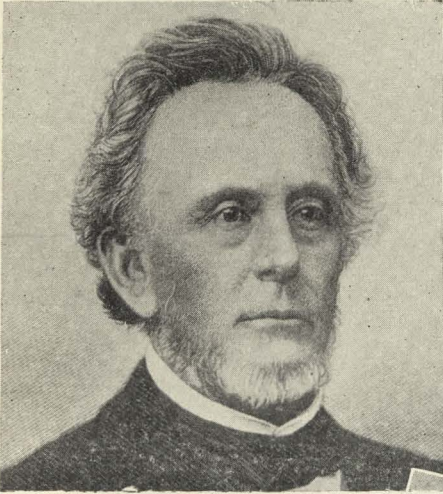
Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, who is now chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college. Eloise is the granddaughter, too, of Mary (Nicholson) Ainsworth, one of Wesleyan's most loyal alumnae and a former president of the national Alumnae Association of the college. Her father is Malcolm Ainsworth, and her mother Kate (Lyons) Ainsworth, of the class of 1915.

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH"

Shortly before Commencement this year, Bertha Beal wrote to her classmate, Lucy (Evans) Stephens, who was planning to be present for the occasion:

"Please report that I have remembered Wesleyan in my will."

Wesleyan wishes to extend to this alumna her sincere appreciation.



GEORGE FOSTER PIERCE,
First President of Wesleyan

Lord Macaulay once said of the first president of Wesleyan College:

"The purest diction in use on the American continent today is that of George Foster Pierce."

A Century Ago—

George Foster Pierce was writing in magazines of the day about "female education" in general and about Wesleyan College in particular. In the light of the recent crisis in the college's history, reread these statements from his gifted pen:

"An institution raised by subscription and having no legislative aid is liable to embarrassment, however prosperous its outset. A thousand unforeseen contingencies arise to impede its progress, and sometimes to menace its very existence."

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"Whether the college will live and prosper is an issue dependent upon the liberality of the citizens of the state, their confidence in its management, and the extent of their patronage."

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"If it is allowed to fail, it will be a blot upon the church to which it belongs, a disgrace to the state, and a misfortune to generations to come."

"The college has its enemies. Many persons periled the accuracy of their judgment and the soundness of their deductions on predictions of its failure."



Original Building

Candler Library

Towers of Old Wesleyan

May We Suggest

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR THE GIRL WHO CAME TO WESLEYAN?

Wesleyan Commemorative Plates by Wedgwood

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A gift she will treasure more as the years pass.

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The plates, made by the Wedgwood Company in Etruria, England, may be had with centers in any of five colors (Rose Pink, Staffordshire Blue, Green, Old Mulberry, and Black) and any of three Wesleyan scenes (the Original Building, The Towers of Old Wesleyan, the Candler Memorial Library).

Prices: \$1.50 per single plate, or \$18.00 per dozen for dinner or service size (10½ inches in diameter); \$1.50 per plate or \$16.00 per dozen for salad or dessert size (9 inches in diameter). **Express extra.**

Wesleyan cups and saucers have been ordered also.

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